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**GOVERNOR DAVIS ANNOUNCES THREE HIGH LEVEL
APPOINTMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ABC**

Sacramento – The Davis Administration has announced the appointment of three top officials for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Jerry R. Jolly will serve as Chief Deputy Director, Ed Conner as Assistant Director for Northern California, and Lupe Garcia as Assistant Director for Southern California.

ABC Interim Director Manuel R. Espinoza said, “The Department is fortunate to have the quality of leadership these three bring to their positions. They all possess the knowledge of every function of the Department including licensing, business practices and enforcement. Individually, they also have the respect and will work well with the alcoholic beverage industry and law enforcement.”

As the number two executive in the Department, Jolly will oversee the day-to-day operation of the Department’s 24 district offices and more than 400 employees. Serving under Interim Director Manuel R. Espinoza, Jolly has been Acting Chief Deputy Director since August 1, 2001. He was been with the Department of ABC for over 26-years. He has also served two years of the Davis Administration as Acting Director for the Office of Real Estate Appraisers.

Jolly is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and has graduated from California State University, Long Beach, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. A member of the California Peace Officers’ Association and the FBI National Academy Association, Jolly is married and has two boys.

Conner also rose through the ranks of ABC, starting as an Investigator in Fresno 1978, a Supervising Investigator in San Francisco in 1985, an Oakland District Administrator in 1988, and Assistant Director in 1998 in charge of ABC’s Southern Division. He became Assistant Director for Northern Division when Jolly moved to Chief Deputy Director.

Conner received a degree in Administration of Justice having attended Sacramento City College and California State University, Fresno. He was Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, and a Correctional Officer with the State Department of Corrections before joining ABC. Conner and his wife live in Sacramento. He has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Taking Conner's place as Assistant Director for Southern Division is Lupe G. Garcia. During the past 25 years, Garcia worked throughout the State in every sworn peace officer position with ABC, including seven years as a District Administrator in Fresno, and Deputy Division Chief for Southern California.

A graduate of Reedley High School, Garcia received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. He resides in Anaheim Hills with his wife Molly. He has three daughters and one grandson.